Tab on Cricket Players

*700. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tab is begin kept on cricket players when they play outside the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of times BCCI officials during their tour abroad came to know about the match fixing in advance;

(d) what precautions were-taken at that time;

(e) whether the position was communicated to Government; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) Government does not keep any tab on cricket players when they play outside the country.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (f) The Government has entrusted the matter to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for appropriate Inquiry and necessary action. Now, CBI will look into all aspects of this issue.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Tea auction Centre at Karachi

5174. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item, Captioned ""Proposed tea auction centre at Karachi upsets industry", published in The Times of India, dated 6th April, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to protect the Indian tea industry which is already facing serious challenges all-round?

TOE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.